Chinese Arms for Tripura National Volunteers

329. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report appearing in the Hindustan Times of 31st March, 1986 to the effect that the underground Tribal National Volunteers are getting Chinese arms through Bangladesh and also other press reports that terrorists in Punjab are getting training and arms from Pakistan, if so, what are the facts; and

(b) what steps have been taken in this regard and what have been the results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, nothing specific has yet been known to establish the reported supply of Chinese arms by Bangladesh to Tripura (Tribal) National Volunteers (TNV).

In the case of terrorists in Punjab, the interrogation of some persons has revealed information about their links across the border as also about training and other assistance received by them.

(b) The Security agencies concerned are maintaining strict vigilance along the border to check infiltration of miscreants.

हमींज की खरीद के लिए बातचीत

330. **श्री लालकृष्ण आडवाणी** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय नौसेना के लिए 110 करोड़ रुपये के मूल्य पर ब्रिटेन के विमान वाहक पोत एच एम एस हर्मीज की खरीद करने के लिए बातचीत चल रही है जैसाकि 3 मार्च, 1986 के नव-भारत टाइम्स में समाचार छपा है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि कुछ समय पहले आस्ट्रेलिया और लैटिन अमेरिका के एक देश ने इस पोत को खरीदने में रूचि दिखाई थी लेकिन बाद में उन्होंने अपना इरादा छोड़ दिया ;

(ग) क्या वह जहाज पिछले दो वर्षों से पोर्टस्माउथ में पड़ा हुआ था और किसी काम में नहीं आ रहा था जैसाकि ब्रिटिश रक्षा पत्रिका "वारशिप लार्ड" में कहा गया था ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इस आशय के समाचार की ओर भी दिलाया गया है कि यदि यह जहाज नहीं बिका तो यह एक बोझ बन जाएगा और स्क्रैप जैसा हो जाएगा, यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

रक्षा अनुसंधान और विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरुण सिंह): (क) जी, हां। एच एम एस हर्मीज एयरक्राफ्ट कैरियर खरीदने के बारे में यू.के. के विदेश मंत्रालय के साथ एक करार पर 19 अप्रैल, 1986 को हस्ताक्षर किए गए हैं । इस पैकेज की कुल लागत 63 मिलियन पौंड होगी, जिसमें डाई-डोकिंग और री-फिट, फालतू पुर्जे, स्टोर और सेवाएं शामिल हैं ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) जी, हां ।

(घ) यह पोत जब भारतीय नौसेना में शामिल हो जाएगा तो उस समय पूरी तरह से काम करने लगेगा । ब्रिटिश एयरक्राफ्ट कैरियर हर्मीज का चयन इसलिए किया गया

क्योंकि इसमें भारतीय नौसेना द्वारा संचालित सी-हैरियर एयरक्राफ्ट और सीकिंग हैलिकाप्टरों के लिए उड़ान की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं। बहुत सी नौसेनाएं इसी तरह के एयरक्राफ्ट कैरियरों का इस्तेमाल कर रही हैं।

Report of the Indian Embassy regarding landing of Kuwaiti Sheikhs in Trivandrum

331. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have directed the Indian Embassy in Kuwait to report regarding the circumstances under which the two Kuwaiti Sheikhs, whose entry into India had been banned, landed at Trivandrum Airport on January 29 last and gained entry into the country, and

(b) if so, what are the findings in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) Two Kuwaiti nationals Sheikh Yousuf Hashim Al-Rafai and his aide entered India on 29th January, 1986 on the basis of a landing permit valid for 72 hours which was granted to them by the Port Registration Officer, Trivandrum Airport. An enquiry is being conducted in the matter by the Kerala Government. It may be mentioned that the Indian Embassy in Kuwait neither issued them a visa nor was aware of their visit to India.

Candidates selected for service in the M.E.S.

332. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 29th March, 1986 to the effect that the future of about 170 candidates hangs in balance in Military Engineering Services as they were appointed in various sections of MES in 1983 but most of them were yet to join duties, if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what steps are being taken to ensure that the selected candidates are given duties without further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Command Works Engineer, Delhi Cantt. initiated proceedings for the selection of industrial personnel in Feb. and May 1984. However, before the selection was finalised the Govt. imposed a ban on the filling up of all categories of posts. Consequently, the selection proceedings were annulled.

Release of Pakistani spy before serving full term of imprisonment

333. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Indian Express of 16th March, 1986 to the effect that a Pakistani spy who was convicted and sentenced to 3 years rigorous imprisonment for photographing radar installations of Indian Air Force and passing on information to Pakistan, was released on February 10 last, almost a year before his term of imprisonment;